EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David K. Sakata (Reg. No. 59,959) on 2/15/09.

2. In the claims:

a. Claim 1;

- line 18, insert " fixed list of" after – the --;
- line 21, insert " fixed list of" after – the --;

b. Claim 8;

- line 1, insert " storage" after – readable --;

c. Claim 9;

- line 1, insert " storage" after – readable --;

d. Claim 10;

- line 18, insert " fixed list of" after – the --;

- line 22, insert " fixed list of" after – the --;

e. Claim 12;

- line 2, replace "the" with – a --;

f. Claim 17;

- line 10, replace "," with "; wherein the extensible profile is a fixed list of configuration settings that accomplish the selected task;";
- line 13, replace "," with ";";
- line 15, insert "; wherein control identifiers for controlling one or more devices correspond to the fixed list of configuration settings which have a defined dependency ordering that can be expressed as a directed acyclic dependency graph; wherein the fixed list of configuration settings are structured such that changing a parameter causes a component to reconfigure one or more dependent settings, and high-level configuration settings can be modified independent of a low-level configuration setting." after – values --;

g. Claim 25 (Cancelled);

h. Claim 26;

- line 3, insert " wherein the profile register comprises at least one extensible profile, wherein at least one extensible profile is a fixed list of configuration settings that accomplish a selected task;" after -- register --;
- line 18, insert " wherein control identifiers for controlling one or more devices correspond to the fixed list of configuration settings which have a defined dependency ordering that can be expressed as a directed acyclic dependency graph, wherein the fixed list of configuration settings are structured such that changing a parameter causes a component to reconfigure one or more dependent settings, and high-level configuration settings can be modified independent of a low-level configuration setting." after -- values --;

i. Claim 31;

- line 6, insert " via an Application Programming Interface (API)" after – component --;
- line 15, insert "; wherein the profile structure comprises a field that includes a list of mandatory settings; and wherein applying an extensible profile to the selected component comprises generating a signal if the selected component cannot implement a mandatory setting." After – values --;

j. Claim 32 (Cancelled);

k. Claim 33;

- line 1, replace “32” with – 31 --;

l. Claim 34;

- line 5, insert “, wherein the extensible profile is a fixed list of configuration settings;” after -- configuration --;
- line 22, insert “; and wherein control identifiers used by the API for controlling one or more devices correspond to the fixed list of configuration settings which have a defined dependency ordering that can be expressed as a directed acyclic dependency graph.” after – application --;

m. Claims 35-42 (Cancelled);

3. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed to read as follows:

-- SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ENABLING APPLICATIONS VIA AN APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE (API) TO INTERFACE WITH AND CONFIGURE DIGITAL MEDIA COMPONENTS --.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLES E. ANYA whose telephone number is (571)272-3757. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on 571-272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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